



## ***Technical Notification 163***

**Dated: November 6, 2014**

**Re: Ice Dance – Calling Specifications for Ice Dance Novice and Below**

This notification supersedes TN 147 and replaces USAid Ice Dance and USAid Adult Skating – Ice Dance.

Deviations from ISU Communication #1860 are noted in blue.

### **Novice**

**Pattern Dance** – Will be called in accordance with ISU Communication 1860.

For a level to be called, at least 75% of the steps by both partners must be completed.

Required number of sequences not skated – U.S. Figure Skating Rule 6075 (E)  
Side to start error calling specifications – U.S. Figure Skating Rule 6075 (H)

**Free Dance** – All elements will be called in accordance with ISU Communications #1860 and #1885 with the exception of the step sequences.

#### **Step Sequences**

For both step sequences, in hold and not touching, the criteria for Style A in ISU Communication #1885 will be used.

### **Intermediate**

**Pattern Dance** – Will be called in accordance with ISU Communication #1860.

For a level to be called at least 75% of the steps by both partners must be completed.

Required number of sequences not skated – U.S. Figure Skating Rule 6075 (E)  
Side to start error calling specifications – U.S. Figure Skating Rule 6075 (H)

**Free Dance** – All elements will be called in accordance to ISU Communications #1860 and #1885, with the exception of Lifts.

#### **Lifts**

Two (2) different group (b) difficult entries for lifts being permitted and the full doughnut/ring position for the lifted partner will continue to be considered as a difficult position in accordance with ISU Communication #1677 (difficult hold/interaction not necessary).

## Juvenile

**Pattern Dance** – Will be called in accordance with ISU Communication #1860.

For a level to be called at least 75% of the steps by both partners must be completed.

Required number of sequences not skated – U.S. Figure Skating Rule 6075 (E)

Side to start error calling specifications – U.S. Figure Skating Rule 6075 (H)

*Key points may NOT be viewed in slow motion.*

**Free Dance** – All elements will be called in accordance to ISU Communications #1860 and #1885, with the exception of lifts, synchronized twizzle and choreographic step sequence.

**Lifts** – two (2) different group (b) difficult entries for lifts being permitted, and the full doughnut/ring position for the lifted partner will continue to be considered as a difficult position in accordance with ISU Communication #1677 (difficult hold/Interaction not necessary).

**Synchronized Twizzles** – Remain in accordance to ISU Communication #1331.

### Synchronized Calling Specifications and Basic Requirements:

Basic Requirements: Both partners complete at least one full rotation for the twizzle. The synchronized twizzle will be identified but given no level when one or both partners skate less than one full rotation each.

Calling Specifications:

1. If one or both partners touch(es) the free foot down during the execution of the turn, the level will be assessed in accordance with the number of clean rotations before the touchdown.
2. If the skaters perform a three-turn, check rotation and then start a twizzle, the entry edge and the number of rotations of that twizzle will be counted after the three-turn from the starting edge of the proper twizzle.
3. If there is a full stop before the twizzle, the level of the twizzle will be reduced by one level.
4. Synchronized twizzle executed as a spin or as checked three-turns:
  - If up to one rotation becomes a spin or checked three-turns, the synchronized twizzles will be reduced by one level.
  - If more than one rotation becomes a spin or checked three-turns, the synchronized twizzles will be called Level 1.

**Choreographic Step Sequence** – The choreographic step sequence must fully utilize the ice surface. It must be visible and identifiable and should be performed by using almost the full ice surface by both partners. The pattern must be clearly recognizable and cover the full ice surface as defined for midline, circular or diagonal.

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Refer to the following for additional information (all are located on the “Ice Dancing” page of the “Technical Info” section of the U.S. Figure Skating website):

ISU Communication #1885 – Ice Dance

ISU Communication #1860 – Ice Dance

2014-15 Ice Dance Free Dance Elements for Juvenile – Senior

2014-15 ISU Technical Panel Handbook – Ice Dance

U.S. Figure Skating Pattern Dance Key Points for Juvenile, Intermediate and Novice

Additional information can be found under “Technical Info” on the U.S. Figure Skating website. For all events that use IJS below juvenile, the juvenile calling clarifications will be followed except as noted in Technical Notification #151 or the current rulebook.